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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 1285

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, UY

SUBJ: DISSENSION IN ARMY

REF: MONTEVIDEO 1240 (DTG 282031Z MAR 77)

1. SUMMARY. UPI STORY ABOUT ARREST OF ARMY OFFICERS FOR HAVING SUBMITTED A POLITICAL MEMORANDUM WAS, WE BELIEVE, ERRONEOUS. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF AP STORIES FILED MARCH 22-23. THEY DEALT WITH CASE OF GENERAL SEREGNI AND 19 OTHERS ARRESTED MONTHS AGO FOR SUBVERSION AND NOT WITH STILL ANOTHER 20 OFFICERS DAO EXPECTS TO BE TRIED SOON ON PROTECTION RACKET CHARGES. WE DO NOT KNOW WHY AP CHOSE LAST WEEK TO RUN SEREGNI STORY WHICH IS OLD NEWS. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THE ARMY WAS MISTAKEN IN CHARGING AP (RATHER THAN UPI) WITH HAVING FILED A FALSE STORY ABOUT A POLITICAL MEMORANDUM. END SUMMARY.

2. SEVERAL DAYS OF SIFTING SOURCES HAVE LED US TO BELIEVE THAT UPI STORY ABOUT ARRST OF ARMY OFFICERS FOR  
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HAVING SUBMITTED A POLITICAL MEMORANDUM WAS ERRONEOUS.

3. WE HAVE OBTAINED COPIES OF AP STORIES FILED MARCH 22 AND 23. THEY DEALT WITH A GROUP OF 18 ARMY AND TWO AIR FORCE OFFICERS ARRESTED FOR SUBVERSION OVER A PERIOD OF TIME AND NOW HELD IN THE MONTEVIDEO POLICE STATION. MOST PROMINENT AMONG THEM ARE GENRALS LIBER SEREGNI AND VICTOR LICANDRO

AND COL. CARLOS ZUFRIATEGUI. THIS IS OLD NEWS AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHY AP CHOSE LAST WEEK TO RUN A STORY.

4. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT NEITHER OF THE WIRE SERVICES DEALT WITH A GROUP OF SOME 20 OFFICERS ACCUSED OF RUNNING A PROTECTION RACKET. DAO SOURCES INDICATE THAT THAT GROUP WILL SOON APPEAR BEFORE A MILITARY TRIBUNAL. IT IS ALSO CLEAR NOW THAT THE ARMY WAS COMPLETELY MISTAKEN IN ACCUSING AP OF HAVING RUN A "TOTALLY FALSE" STORY ABOUT OFFICERS HAVING SUBMITTED A PLITICAL MEMORANDUM. AS STATED ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THE STORY TO HAVE BEEN FALSE BUT THE CULPRIT WAS UPI, NOT AP.  
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